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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: DDI Briefing of HSC Staff

1. Ed Proctor with [] gave a second two and one-half hour briefing to Ed Roeder and Emily Shekêtoff on the composition, organization and mechanics of the NSC and the sub-groups and some insights into the intelligence process. (Roeder indicated that he was preparing briefing papers on this for House members. It would have been far better for the members to have heard Proctor's briefing in person.) Some of their questions were:

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- a. Do you use clandestine means to gather intelligence on specific oil companies?
- b. To get oil information, does CIA penetrate oil companies, for example, the multinational Exxon? Does it get oil companies to penetrate host governments?
- c. Do you pay multinational corporations for information?
- d. Do you pay foreign or domestic companies more than the costs to them when they provide cover for a CIA employee?
- e. When you gather information from multinationals, do you rely on the authenticity of what they offer you?
- f. During the energy crisis in the United States, if you suspected the multinationals of not telling the truth about oil stocks, would you try clandestinely to get information about that?
- g. For a long period the Federal Energy Agency lacked adequate information on oil supplies available in the United States. How did CIA get information on oil in the United States or oil that was en route here or in storage abroad?

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- h. Did the Agency take infrared pictures of oil storage areas in the United States to ascertain the level of stocks?
- i. Is it conceivable to you that any other government agency took infrared pictures of U. S. installations to determine the oil storage capacity in this country?
- j. Did CIA verify that tankers were lying offshore during the oil crisis to await higher prices?
- k. In gathering information on foreign affairs from domestic corporations, do we accept what they tell us as valid?



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